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SUBJECT: VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION IN FAA IFIM:
CERP 5016

REF: (A) MADRID 1906; (B) MADRID 676 (77)

1. FAA APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VERIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INFORMATION MANUAL (IFIM) BY MEANS OF PERIODICALLY FORWARDING CHANGES TO THE SPANISH AIRMAN'S INFORMATION PUBLICATION (AIP ESPANA). HOWEVER, FAA IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING CHANGES TO THE AIP DIRECTLY FROM THE SPANISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES. THESE CHANGES ARE RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER AND, IF THE CHANGES ARE APPLICABLE, THE IFIM IS UPDATED ACCORDINGLY. THUS, FORWARDING AIP CHANGES BY THE EMBASSY WOULD BE A NEEDLESS DUPLICATION.

2. FAA HAS CONSIDERED EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF(B), BUT WOULD PREFER THE EMBASSY CONTINUE TO VERIFY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE IFIM IN ACCORANCE WITH 10 FAM 521.1 WITH THE SPANISH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. THE AIRCRAFT ENTRY REQUIREMENT SECTION FOR EACH COUNTRY IN THE AIP IS GENERALLY LENGTHY AND ON OCCASION COMPLICATED. HENCE, FAA FINDS IT NOT PRACTICAL TO QUOTE VERBATIM FROM IT, ESPECIALLY DUE TO

SPACE LIMITATION IFIM PUBLISHING FORMAT IMPOSES.
FURTHER, THERE IS A CHANCE FOR MISINTERPRETATION OF
VARIOUS RULES WHICH PAST EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN ARE
BETTER CLARIFIED BY THE COUNTRY'S AVIATION AUTHORITIES
UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ANNUAL WORLDWIDE REVIEW
ELICITED BY CERP 5016.

B. THE IFIM IS REPRINTED EACH APRIL IN ITS ENTIRETY
AND UPDATED WITH QUARTERLY REVISIONS. IF THE FAA
REVIEWED EACH COUNTRY'S AIP AND COMPARED THE CONTENTS
WITH THE IFIM FOR CURRENCY, IT WOULD DESTROY THE CROSS
CHECK PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY REVIEW FOR ACCURACY
UNDER CERP 5016.

C. IT IS TO EACH COUNTRY'S ADVANTAGE TO PERIODICALLY
REVIEW THE IFIM FOR ACCURACY IN ORDER TO AVOID INCORRECT
PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFT ENTRY PROCEDURES FROM BEING
DISSEMINATED IN THE U.S. THIS HELPS TO PRECLUDE POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS CAUSED BY U.S. CITIZENS IMPROPERLY ENTERING
THE FOREIGN COUNTRY.

3. FAA RECOGNIZES THE DIFFICULTIES OF VARIOUS POSTS IN
COMPLYING WITH CERP 5016 AND TO THE RELUCTANCE OF THE
HOST COUNTRY TO REVIEW THE IFIM. HOWEVER FAA URGES THE
EMBASSY TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH 10 FAM 521.1 TO THE
BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. THE CERP 5016 REPORT FULFILLED
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